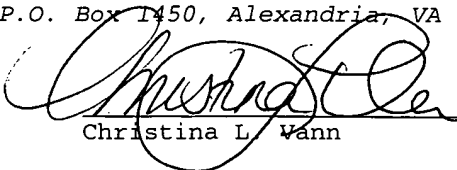




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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of December 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper and replaces the amendment to the claims filed by Applicant on November 17, 2003.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.